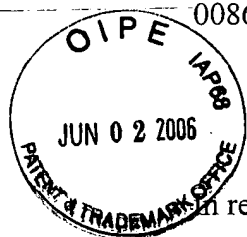


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (1) to (3) are enclosed.

- (1) JP 10-049318
- (2) WO 2000/03340
- (3) EP 0588513

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Documents (1) and (2) were cited during prosecution of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-391377, which corresponds to the above U.S. application.

Document (3) was cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated March 6, 2006, and a copy of the European Search Report, which is dated April 10, 2006 are enclosed.

In this regard, documents (1) and (2) were listed in the prior art search of the Japanese Office Action, but these documents are not seen to constitute grounds for rejection in the Japanese Office Action.

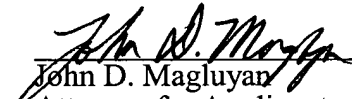
An English-language abstract accompanies document (1). The concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language document is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract. See MPEP § 609.

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